# NEVADA COMMISSION FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

**CHAIRMAN: Dr. Dale Carrison,** Chairman, University Medical Center, Emergency Medicine

## Q: What is the purpose for the Commission?

## A: This is found in the legal definition of the Commission for Homeland Security:

In accordance with **NRS 239C.160,** the Commission shall, within the limits of available money:

1. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, agencies of this state, political subdivisions, businesses located within this state and private persons who reside in this state with respect to actions and measures that may be taken to protect residents of this state and visitors to this state from potential acts of terrorism and related emergencies.

2. Propose goals and programs that may be set and carried out, respectively, to counteract or prevent potential acts of terrorism and related emergencies before such acts of terrorism and related emergencies can harm or otherwise threaten residents of this state and visitors to this state.

3. With respect to buildings, facilities, geographic features and infrastructure that must be protected from acts of terrorism and related emergencies to ensure the safety of the residents of this state and visitors to this state, including, without limitation, airports, the Capitol Complex, dams, gaming establishments, governmental buildings, highways, hotels, information technology infrastructure, lakes, places of worship, power lines, public buildings, public utilities, reservoirs, rivers and their tributaries, and water facilities:

   (a) Identify and categorize such buildings, facilities, geographic features and infrastructure according to their susceptibility to and need for protection from acts of terrorism and related emergencies; and

   (b) Study and assess the security of such buildings, facilities, geographic features and infrastructure from acts of terrorism and related emergencies.

4. Examine the use, deployment and coordination of response agencies within this state to ensure that those agencies are adequately prepared to protect residents of this state and visitors to this state from acts of terrorism and related emergencies.

5. Assess, examine and review the use of information systems and systems of communication used by response agencies within this state to determine the degree to which such systems are compatible and interoperable. After conducting the assessment, examination and review, the Commission shall establish a state plan setting forth criteria and standards for the compatibility and interoperability of those systems when used by response agencies within this state.

6. Assess, examine and review the operation and efficacy of telephone systems and related systems used to provide emergency 911 service.

7. To the extent practicable, cooperate and coordinate with the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety to avoid duplication of effort in developing policies and programs for preventing and responding to acts of terrorism and related emergencies.

8. Perform any other acts related to their duties set forth in subsections 1 to 7, inclusive, that the Commission determines are necessary to protect or enhance:

   (a) The safety and security of the State of Nevada;
   (b) The safety of residents of the State of Nevada; and
   (c) The safety of visitors to the State of Nevada.
   (Added to NRS by 2003, 2454)

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The staff's mission is to assist the Homeland Security Commission in the accomplishment of the published requirements in the Nevada Revised Statutes by scheduling and facilitating meetings; and maintaining the flow of communication that disseminates information to the Governor, the Legislature, agencies of this state, political subdivisions, and other individuals as described by law.
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